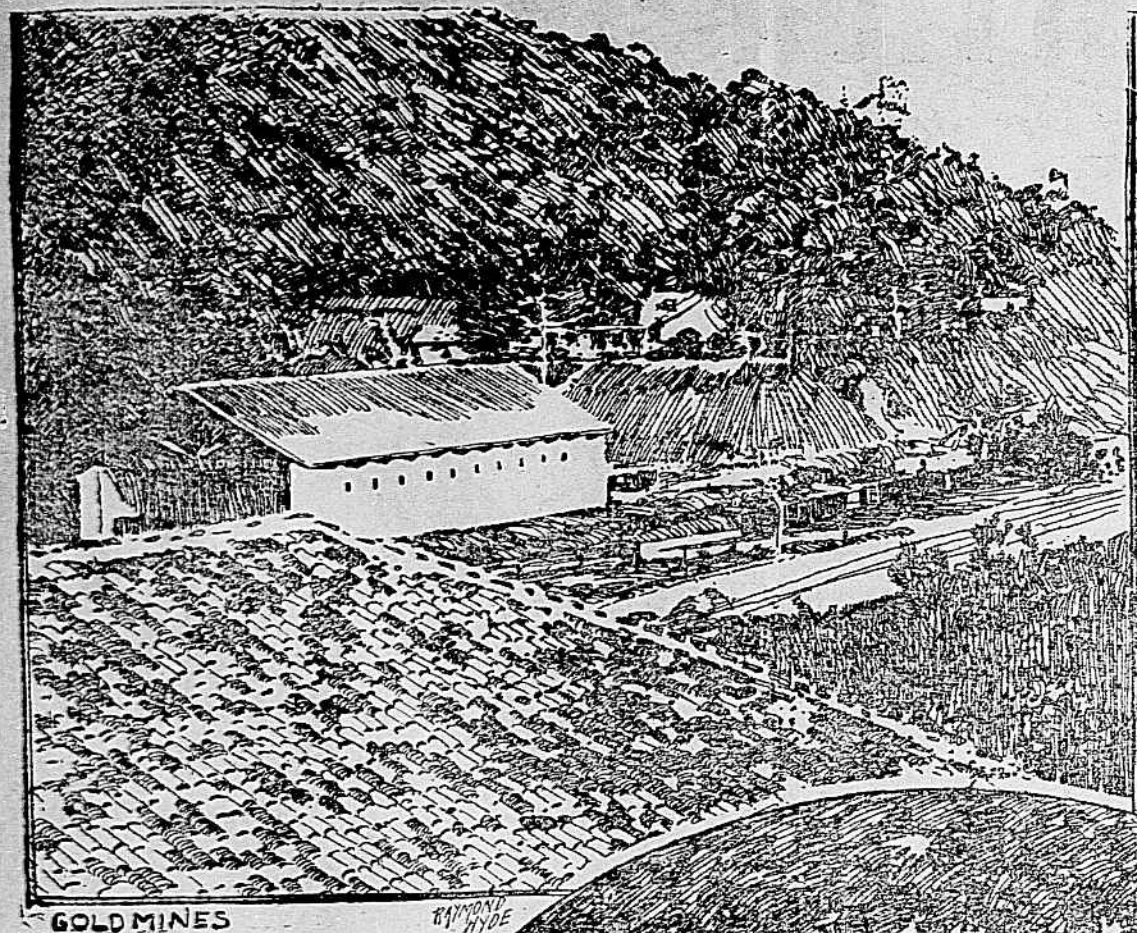


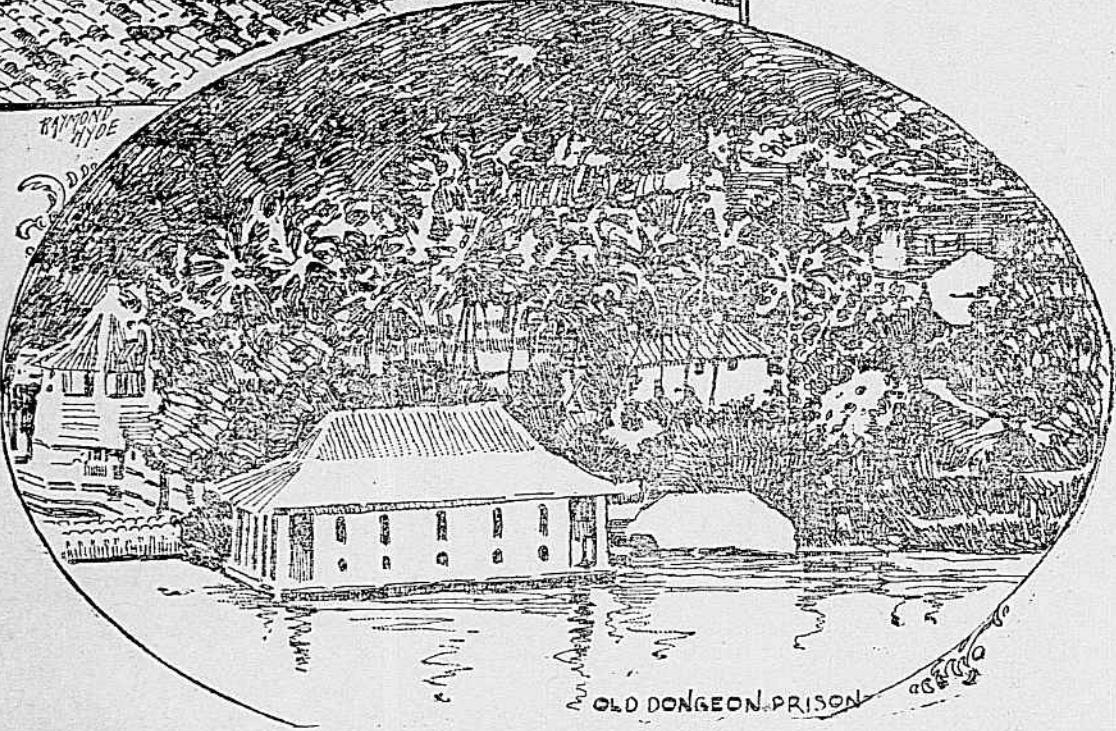
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Those Who Think There is No Such Thing Should See These Splendid Gold Fields, Rich With Precious Ore.



BIRDSEYE VIEW OF THE MINES.

In the centre of the islands the Philippines are rich in ores, and, on beholding them, one does not wonder that the Spanish are so eager to let the islands go. Many of the mines have been well worked, and the machinery, while it in no respect compares to that of the famous De Beers mines, is modern and does the work necessary to extensive mining operations. Since the war broke out the mines have not been developed, but lie in all their richness waiting for some one to come and work them. Companies are being formed to go to the Philippine gold fields, and it is not improbable that they will soon be regarded as another Klondike, which will bring, beyond dispute, to Uncle Sam, and which can be nicely and comfortably worked without the hardships attendant upon mining in Alaska.



Some of the Picturesque Scenes Now Being Daily Opened Up to United States Soldiers As They Penetrate the Islands.

THE MEN WHO MAKE THE LAWS FOR THE PEOPLE OF CITY OF RICHMOND

All the Interests of the City Are Represented in the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council.

Something Personal About the Representatives.

Richmond has perhaps as faithful and as efficient men in its City Council as any city in the country. Many are men new to the public service, but there are several who have served long and well.

President William M. Turpin is the oldest member of the Board of Aldermen in point of service, and makes an excellent presiding officer.

Alderman James R. Batten, who has represented Jackson Ward for a great many years, was at one time regarded as the "King of Jackson Ward," but he has lost his crown since he joined the Democratic party.

Alderman Henry P. Beck, who came into the Board as a result of the last election, is a very level-headed man, and will make a good representative.

Alderman Reuben Burton, the popular representative from Monroe Ward, represents the Board of Aldermen on the School Board and Committee on Streets, and is noted for his punctuality and promptness.

One of the most genial members of the Board is P. H. Donahoe. He always wears a pleasant smile on his face and a Shamrock on the lapel of his coat on St. Patrick's Day.

The most universally beloved member of the Board of Aldermen is Major Clay Dreyer, and Monroe Ward never had a more faithful representative.

Alderman James T. Perrier, the gallant ex-Confederate, is noted for his great abundance of common sense, and his word is regarded as good as his bond.

GOOD BUSINESS MAN.

Alderman James R. Gordon is one of the ablest business men in the Board.

One of the most distinguished looking men in the Board is Alderman Evan Sneed, and his motto is efficiency.

Alderman Jno. M. King is regarded as the Lord Chesterfield of the Board.

Alderman N. T. Mosby is the handsomest member of the Board and he has made a good record.

Alderman J. H. Lawder is the neatest dresser in the Board, and Marshall Ward has in him a safe representative.

Jno. Mann, Jr. is a solid Alderman, and the interests of Marshall Ward were never entrusted to better hands.

The tallest member of the Board is "Squire" Millard Filmore Sear, and the chief object of his political ambition is to serve Clay Ward faithfully.

Alderman R. B. Thomas never misses a meeting of the Board or a committee, and will make a good record.

The most deliberate member of the Board is Robert Whitely, Jr. He never gets excited, and always answers "Here" when the roll is called.

Alderman J. B. Wood can beat any member of the Board telling an anecdote, and is a good speaker.

Major Orway S. Allen, the Vice-President of the Board, is easily the most dignified member of the Board. He presides well, and is very popular.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Wm. H. Adams, elected at the last general election to represent Jefferson Ward in the Common Council, is the youngest member of that body. He has quite a gift of oratory and is very popular as a political speaker.

No man ever proved more faithful to the trusts committed to him by his constituents than Sol. L. Bloomberg, who represents Jefferson Ward in the Common Council.

William C. Camp, of Monroe Ward, makes a good representative, but does not seem to enjoy with very much relish his transfer from the Committee on Health to the Committee on Shockoe Creek.

James Caskie, chairman of the Committee on Finance, is the ablest debater in the Common Council, and is one of the best posted men on city finances.

S. H. Cottrell, who has long been a representative of Clay Ward, is one of the best business men in the body.

Mr. William H. Curtis, chairman of the Committee on James River Improvement, is well fitted for the position he holds.

A. B. Ferguson, of Marshall Ward, makes a good representative, and is very popular with the members.

F. H. Garber, of Marshall Ward, is one of the most successful business men in Richmond, and always adopts business methods in dealing with the affairs of the city.

William Gibson, Jr., of Clay Ward, has recently come to the front as one of the most successful of political leaders, and as a representative he is now filling a seat in the Common Council.

The result of the last election showed that the well known young lawyer, H. C. Glenn, had a host of friends in Madison Ward, and as a consequence he is now filling a seat in the Common Council.

John R. Grimes, recently elected chairman of the Committee on Light, has had a great deal of experience in the Gas Department, and will contribute all of his ability to make the Gas Works an up to date department. He is a plain talker and a good worker.

A PROGRESSIVE MEMBER.

Marx Gunst is regarded as one of the most progressive members of the Common Council, and his constituents in Monroe Ward never fail to show their appreciation of him when the election rolls around.

The most distinguished looking man in the Common Council is Julius A. Hobson, of Madison Ward.

D. F. McCarthy, from Jackson Ward, makes a good representative and is always prompt and punctual at the meetings.

Morgan R. Mills, the vice-president of the body, will show his ability for the position whenever called upon to preside.

B. W. Miner, of Clay Ward, is one of the best speakers in the body.

R. L. Peters represents Monroe Ward, and is one of the best of the city's representatives.

W. K. Hollock is a hustling member, and his resolution which provided for the music in the parks gives pleasure to thousands of people.

"Squire" Phil Shea, of Jefferson Ward, makes a prompt and faithful representative.

While Mr. E. W. Stein, of Jackson Ward, failed to draw any big prizes in the recent distribution of committees, he accepts the position with cheerful fortitude and resignation, and will do his duty on the committee to which he has been assigned.

An able member of the body is Charles W. Tanner, of Monroe Ward, while John Teeter, of Jackson Ward, is the handsomest member of the body.

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Madison Ward has in Joseph Wallerstein a representative who is conspicuous for the fidelity and intelligence with which he discharges his duties.

No member of the body looks after the interests of the city with greater care than John T. West, of Madison Ward.

The quietest member of the Common Council is M. P. Whalen, of Jackson Ward, and while he never betrays the Council with oratory, he always votes on the right side.

The promptest man in the body is W. T. Woody, of Marshall Ward.

Messrs. T. B. Williams, of Jefferson Ward, and Charles R. Winston, of Clay, are among the most faithful representatives of their constituencies.

The president of the Common Council, Mr. Ferdinand Ebel, has had a great deal of experience in municipal affairs, and his friends, who are numerous, predict for him a most successful record as the presiding officer of the body in which he has served so long and well.

WRITE TO MR. WINSTON.

He Wants to Hear From the People About Gas Stoves.

The sub-committee on Gas Stoves wants to hear from Richmond people who are now using gas for fuel to aid them in its introduction here.

Chairman Charles R. Winston, of the sub-committee from the Committee on Light, to press the introduction of gas as fuel among the people of Richmond, who are in regard to the matter he said his committee was waiting to hear from the communications sent out to different cities to gather statistics as to their experience along this line, and until these replies were received nothing definite would be done.

Meanwhile Mr. Winston asks that persons now using gas stoves for cooking and heating purposes, will please write him on the subject, stating if they are pleased with the experiment and other facts in connection therewith.

The address is Charles R. Winston, No. 6 North Ninth Street and he and the committee on Light will feel grateful if the citizens now using gas stoves will join hands with the committee in this new enterprise, which they are sure will redound to the good of the people at large.

HEARD ON CAPITOL HILL.

Interesting Items Gathered at the State Offices.

All was quiet about the Governor's office yesterday. Major Heth Tyler was at Old Point and Mr. Ben. P. Owen, Jr., had gone to Orange to spend Sunday with his family.

Miss Belle Tyler, accompanied by her brother, Mr. Hal. Tyler, left yesterday for the Norfolk and Western Railroad for Radford, where they will spend the summer at their father's home.

Governor Tyler and the other members of the family are now at Radford, except Major Heth Tyler and J. H. Tyler, who, both of whom will remain here during the summer.

Attorney-General Montague has returned from Norfolk, where on Friday he appeared representing the State in some bank cases of importance.

He said yesterday that the cases were postponed after setting some preliminary matters in connection with them, and would be heard before Judge Waddill in vacation at the Rockbridge Alum Springs on August 10th.

Improvements are being made in the Railroad Commissioners' office in the Library.

Mr. Richard Richards, the capital agent, is confined to his home by sickness, and as a result Captain Ned Williams is taking a rest, as he cannot run the elevator without steam.

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The City Government Publishing Company, of Troy, N. Y., has written Secretary Lawless, asking for a list of the incorporated cities and towns of the State.

Messrs. D. M. Osborne & Company, of Auburn, N. Y., have asked the Secretary how many institutions there are in Virginia for the care of dependent and delinquent children.

The charter of the Mutual Protection Building and Loan Association of Baltimore, has been lodged with the Secretary, to be recorded, as they desire to do business in this State.

Mr. J. G. Hankins, chief clerk to Secretary Lawless, is considerably indisposed.

Among those who called at the Library were Messrs. W. P. Shelton and H. Guy Vaughan, of Hanover.

ARTILLERY TARGET SHOOT.

There will be a novel target contest at Ocean View on the 27th instant, when the Richmond Howitzers, Grimes' Battery, of Portsmouth, and the Norfolk Light Artillery Blues will enter a friendly contest for a trophy. There will also be a battalion drill and a military ball. Many members of the Howitzer Association and other Richmonders will be present as guests of the Howitzers.

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PROF. JOHN HENRY WILKES.

MYSTERIES OF THE OCEAN'S BOTTOM

Scientists Trying to Discover if Tidal Waves Are Caused by the Moon's Pull or Submarine Earthquake

Several times during the past few years the world has stood aghast at the horrors that have resulted from tidal waves. Towns have been wiped out of existence, thousands of human lives have been lost, and ships have disappeared, swallowed up by the rising sea. For years and centuries these terrible fatalities have been of not infrequent occurrence, and yet the tidal wave is as great a mystery today as it ever has been. Scientists have devoted time and study to the phenomenon, and yet the secret has remained safely locked on the ocean's bottom.

Almost as mysterious is the ordinary tidal wave, that inexplicable swelling of the waters that, following the "pull" of the moon, rolls "round this globe of ours twice each twenty-four hours, stemming the outflow of mighty rivers, penetrating far inland, wherever access is available, and doing within its short lease of life an amount of beneficent work freely that would baffle the wealthiest nation of the world to undertake if it must needs be paid for.

Mysterious it may well be called, since, though its passage from zone to zone is so swift, it is, like all other waves, but an undulatory movement of that portion of the sea momentarily influenced by the position of the planet, not, as is vulgarly supposed, by the same mass of water veering the surface of the water just giving a cozy roll to the ship, one suddenly sees in the distance a ridge, a knoll of water that advances with an aspect that is appalling.

THE AWFUL WAVE.

It is vast, silent, menacing. Near and nearer it comes, rearing its apparently endless curves higher and higher. There is no place to which one can flee. One can simply wait for the wave to come, and then it is a matter of time before it strikes the ship there is no moment of escape.

There is little time for suspense, however, for its pace is swift, in spite of the fact that it appears so deliberate from the illimitable grandeur of its extent.

Suppose the ship there is on moment of strikes the ship there is no moment of escape. The vessel, behaving according to the way in which she has been caught, but in any case she is hurled forward, upward, backward, downward, as if never again could she regain an even keel.

In this vast body of water proceeds on its course, a course that even the limits of the ocean cannot stay. When it strikes the land it still has force enough to deal its deadly blows, and property pay tribute to its fury until such time as it is willing to cease its awful work.

In studying this mysterious phenomenon many scientists have come to the conclusion that the great upliftings of the sea's bosom are not tidal waves at all; that they have nothing in common to the normal ebb and flow of the ocean that is undoubtedly the effect of the influence of the moon.

They hold, on the other hand, that these stupendous waves are due to cosmic disturbances, to submarine earthquakes upheaving the ocean bed and causing so vast a displacement of the ocean that its tremendous agitation extend for thousands of miles.

There is a certain reasonableness about that theory that makes it attractive, for this would explain why such tidal waves are not met with more frequently and the number of the disasters placed to their account.

One of the scientists whose long study of this subject has led him to the acceptance of the earthquake theory is Professor Davidson, who is well known for his work on our Government Coast Survey. He holds that the trouble lies in the crust of the earth, which is under constant and immeasurable strain, arising from the gradual and inevitable contraction of the materials near the surface. This contraction is itself the result of the dissipation of the earth's heat into space where the temperature is supposed to be not less than 42 degrees Fahrenheit below zero.

A HEATED CENTER.

According to our best knowledge and belief the whole interior of the globe is in a molten condition, with intense fires that seem always reaching themselves, and which keep molten and stones forever in a liquid state. Of course, no thermometer of human invention could measure the intense heat of the great fires of the earth, but it is believed that this heat is constantly varying and that its effect is shown in the eruption of volcanoes and by earthquakes.

The latest theory to account for tidal waves, therefore, is that they are the result of just such eruptions. A fissure forms in the bottom of the ocean, in the ordinary course of the slow cooling and contracting of the surface of the earth. Into this fissure the waters of the ocean "erupt." There is no knowing how, but the fissure may be, but the presumption is that it penetrates down through subterranean caverns to the great central fires of the earth. As these fires are always seeking a means of escape they will rush into any channel of escape that is opened to them.

Thus, it is supposed, the flames and heat from the center of the earth rush into a fissure leading to a sea or cavity filled with water from the ocean. The result is a generation of an immense body of steam.